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Letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith resolution 6221 dated 5 September 2002, entitled "Support for the Republic of Somalia". The above-mentioned resolution was adopted by the League of Arab States Council at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs at its one hundred eighteenth regular session, held from 3 to 5 September 2002 at the League of Arab States headquarters in Cairo.

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to the present letter and its annex, and have them circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 23 September 2002 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Support for the Republic of Somalia

The Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States,

Having considered:

The note by the Secretary-General;

The preliminary report of the Secretary-General;

And the recommendation of the Political Committee,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the same subject,

Decides:

1. The welcome the efforts being made to convene in Nairobi in September 2002 a Somali reconciliation conference, under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and with the participation of the transitional Government of Somalia, all of the Somali factions and activists, the League of Arab States and the international and regional organizations concerned, in order to follow through on the progress made at the conference held in Arta, Djibouti, in the year 2000; and to invite member States to send representatives to participate in the conference as part of the delegation of the League of Arab States;

2. To urge member States to affirm, in their bilateral relations with Somalia's neighbours, the collective Arab position based on the preservation of Somalia's unity and territorial integrity and commitment to the maintenance of relations of good neighbourliness between Somalia and its neighbours;

3. To invite member States to consider reopening their embassies in the Somali capital;

4. To request the ministerial committee established to monitor the situation in Somalia to continue its efforts at the regional and international levels with a view to promoting the establishment of security and stability, completing the Somali reconciliation process and securing the country's national and territorial unity;

5. To request member States to provide the Somali Government with the financial support approved by the Summit-level Council of the League in Beirut in 2002 in order to enable it to implement its programmes for the restoration of security and stability, the completion of the reconciliation process and the rebuilding of State institutions and so as to allow the secretariat of the League to fulfil its political and humanitarian role with respect to the Somali people and to contribute to the costs of the Somali reconciliation conference to be held in Nairobi;

6. To invite the United Nations and the African Union to elaborate, in cooperation with the League of Arab States, a high-priority programme for the restoration of security and stability to Somalia through the disarmament of the

militias and their reintegration into the institutions of Somali society and of the Somali State;

7. To affirm the readiness of the League of Arab States to cooperate and coordinate its activities with all the parties with a view to advancing common interests in the region and promoting the efforts being made to achieve reconciliation and the unity of Somalia;

8. To invite Arab non-governmental organizations and federations to provide financial and technical support and humanitarian assistance to the Somali people and to participate in the provision of relief to persons displaced and otherwise adversely affected by the war;

9. To convey its gratitude and appreciation to the Secretary-General and to his special envoy for Somalia for the efforts they have made to present the Arab position on the issue of Somalia at the regional and international levels; and to request the Secretary-General to act in coordination with the office of the chairman of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, to continue to monitor the situation, to continue his efforts and contacts, and to submit a report in this regard to the Council at its next session.

(Resolution 118/6221, adopted by the Ministerial-level Council of the League of Arab States on 5 September 2002 at the third meeting of its one hundred and eighteenth regular session)